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Dear Mr. Wilson,

Thanks for your two letters of yesterday and the enclosures, the Heine affidavits and the list of released material.

Enclosed is my check for $146 for all the documents in the list. If there are duplications I'd still prefer them all and all at once.

A skimming of the subject listings of the list does not indicate any duplication of my earlier requests. If I am wrong on this please let me know and I will withdraw any such request.

If the Agency has prepared a listing of this or this and earlier material by subject I would like a copy. On anything like this, if it does not violate policy, you can assume I will pay the copying costs as soon as I am informed of them.

I have been meaning to write you about several other matters.

It has been quite a few months since the Archives and I both asked about the withholding of documents, including Warren Commission transcripts. My appeal has been ignored. The time for appeal on this and the other matters expired January 16. Thereafter I wrote to ask the Agency's intentions because I would, as I would think the Agency would prefer also, like to avoid unnecessary litigation with all the ramifications. With these long delays, sometimes without even acknowledgements, I felt compelled to file for the transcripts. That is C.A.75-1448. It has been assigned to Judge Robinson, I think.

With regard to the other matters on appeal, as you know I could have filed the day after the 16th of January. Instead I wrote you asking what the Agency intends. If you are going to continue not to act then I'll go ahead and file in court. I would hope that at some point someone in a position of responsibility stops to think of what this can and I am without any doubt will mean. I was as forthright as I felt I could be with Mr. Warner 1/2/75. Within the Agency, as I will be able to prove, there was less forthrightness with him. When I told him I have copies of Agency files on me from countless files and numerous sources I was completely truthful, as I am now in telling you that I do and that you did not provide them. I can specify and if it is necessary I will specify in court Agency files on me in addition to those I have that have not been provided. As I told Mr. Warner in addition to what I have there are other areas where I am positive and where while less than certain I am confident of what I'll be able to prove. This crosses over into what I think can be called the operational, not merely an interest that I regard as both improper and illegal. By a copy of this I will be asking my lawyer to prepare for court if I have not heard something meaningful within a reasonable time, probably shortly after the middle of the month. While I would hope that any agency of government would always have the rightful interest of citizens in mind, in this case I strongly suggest that the CIA should more carefully consider where its own lie. This is not a sleeping dog. I think it will bite.

I have an interest in the case of Frank Olson. The family released copies of the documents it was given at a time when I could not attend their conference. I would like to obtain a copy of these documents. If you would prefer that I pay in advance I will. I assure you I will pay if it will save you time just to send them. If I knew the number of pages I would include it in the enclosed check.

There is another matter that is multifaceted and on which the FOIA may not apply in all aspects, so I'll spell my interest and request out. It centers around a book called Assignment in Dallas by Hugh McDonald, ghosted by Geoffrey Bocca. It has the CIA involved in the JFK assassination and it is a fake from beginning to end. I recognize that personnel matters can be immune.

I would like to be in a position to do more to nullify this fakery.

McDonald uses the pictures released to Bernard Fensterwald to make the claim that it is a picture of one Saul, a professional assassin and CIA contract employee. Fensterwald did not ask for all the relevant pictures. The other half of that Warren Commission file includes other pictures shown for identification purposes. I would like prints of all of them. (In my view the Agency erred badly in the handling of that business of these pictures. If there is any additional information that can be supplied on them I would like. Not what would be regarded as secret, like where they were taken from and by whom. Besides, I think I know, but my interest does not go in that direction.)

McDonald claims to have been a CIA contract employee and thus to have known the late Herman Kimsey and through him this "Saul." He also claims to have met one "Troit" because this Troit and Saul were together in Guatemala on the Bay of Pigs preparations. Earlier versions of Saul's "confession" - and there are at least two - identify Troit's alleged principals and Troit as George de Mohrenschildt.

If you cans confirm or deny that McDonald was ever an Agency employee of any kind I would like to know. If you decline I will not press it. McDonald also claims to have a) been asked to make the Francis Gary Powers flight and to have refused and b) to have been part of an Agency operation in which he penetrated a germ-warfare base on a Black Sea Island.

I never knew Kimsey but I know several of his friends. I know he did not retire from the Agency and that you do not have to respond on the conditions of his departure. His friends tell me he remained loyal to the Agency after his separation. They alsogive me to understand that McDonald in effect stole work Kimsey did when he was an Agency employee when that work might have been Agency property. I am aware of Kimsey's subsequent employment by Security Associates in Washington and of a Texas promotion last year by Security Associates International (Dallas and Houston) that seemed to be a shill for the McDonald book but could have had other principals. They claimed to have "solved" the JFK assassination, too.

My purpose, as I think you can understand, is debunking. Whether or not I will write on this I do not know, but I do make speeches and questions are asked. The next will be in less than two weeks. So, if there is any information you can let me have I would appreciate it. I will not contest a negative decision but I hope it will not be automatic and that some thought be given to it.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg